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SALVATION

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HAVE YOU COME ONE ON ONE WITH THE LORD?

Salvation: The acceptance of Jesus Christ as your personal savior in the free pardon of your sins. This is a personal relationship between the individual and Christ. He died for our sins on Calvary's cross. We must accept and repent (turn away from our former life).

We live in a day when children are taught that they and they alone decide what is right for them. There are no absolutes. Their self-esteem is to be held high. Individualism has become a central part of our society. Each person can achieve anything if they will set their mind and their heart (soul) to the task.

Let us back up and take a close look at salvation once again. In order to be a saved born-again believer, we need a pardon of our sins. First, we must recognize that we have sinned or that we are a sinner. Without this, what hope have we? Next, to ask for forgiveness we must humble ourselves. To humble oneself in the face of high esteem and self-worth (pride) is difficult. I would not say it is impossible, but difficult.

Next if there are no absolutes or you can choose what you feel is best for you, how can you submit yourself by faith without question. Most of our youth have been taught to criticize and question everything.

I could go on and on, but I have seen youth walk the aisle coming for salvation more than once thinking each time they were saved. Confused!

The philosophy that is taught today does not make salvation impossible, but it makes it difficult for many to even understand what the Bible is saying, much less to humble and submit themselves without question to the hand of the living God.

Are we quenching the spirit of God with our vain philosophies?

REASON-----QUESTION-----CRITICIZE-----

How can you be convicted by the SPIRIT OF GOD when there is NO FEAR OF GOD?

Our young people must see the adults showing a fear of God.

WHO IS THE LORD COMING BACK FOR ?

We as followers of Christ are often referred to as sheep in the New Testament. I once read an article about sheep that really impressed me and it has stayed in my mind. In ancient Israel a shepherd always stayed with the sheep. Often two, three, or four flocks would go to a watering hole at the same time. It would appear that when the sheep mingled together that it would be impossible to know which sheep were of what flock. It was very simple to separate them. One of the shepherds would back off on the hillside and call his sheep. The sheep knew the voice of that shepherd and they would one by one return to him. They would separate out like they had mingled. They would follow only the voice that they knew. What voice are you following? Who is your master?

John 10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

John 10:2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

John 10:3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

John 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

John 10:5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

1 John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

If you want to know for sure that you are one of his go to The First Epistle Of John (Not the Gospel of John) and read it. The word "know" appears twenty-seven times. The word "knowest" appears six times. This is thirty-three times in one-hundred and five verses. You can believe as you like but I believe that John had the Revelation given to him before he wrote either the gospel of John or the Epistles of John. It would take some time to explain, but in short the deity of Christ is always held high. Read the first verse in the gospel of John and go from there.

PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Mat 13:3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

Mat 13:4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

Mat 13:5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

Mat 13:6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

Mat 13:7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

Mat 13:8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Mat 13:9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Many know what the word of God says and turn away. Some hear the word and receive it into the mind. Others see the word and read it receiving it in the mind. Others hear and receive into the heart. The heart is fertile ground. It will grow and produce. The heart can cause you to know when you have transgressed. The mind is carnal, worldly, and the reason of man. The heart is spiritual.

The Lord has given us a measure to go by. (1) The seed by the way side are devoured quickly. (2) The stony ground has no deepness or root and soon fall away. (3) Thorns choked them out. (4.) Good soil brings forth fruit.

See the attached chart which shows the above. The first three are grouped together as none can endure, overcome, nor bear fruit. They are not of the flock. The first three are grouped together. The fourth is grouped by it self as it is in good ground and can endure, and overcometh as well as bear fruit. You can look at any parable and most all sayings in the New Testament and see which category it fits in. Where do you fit in?

The bible is clear in that if we love him we will keep his commandments, we will follow him, we will love the brethren and we will know his voice.

The question was asked, "Who is the Lord Coming For" and the answer is His Own. The following traits are seen in them. Salvation comes by faith below is evidence of that faith.

1. His sheep
2. Know his voice
3. Follow him.
4. Keep his commandments
5. Planted in the good ground
6. Love the brethren.

PARABLE OF THE SOWER

(MAT. 13:3-9)

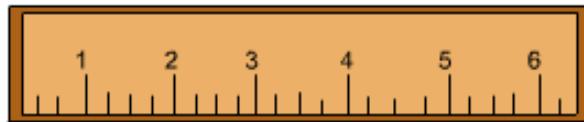
1. WAY SIDE



2. STONY
GROUND

3. THORNS

4. GOOD GROUND



HOW DO EACH OF US MEASURE UP ON THE ABOVE RULER?

Recently I heard a minister say that this parable told him that seventy-five percent of the church members were not saved. I do not know. Could be less or could be a lot more. The Lord already knows who will know his voice when he calls. We do know many are called, few or chosen also broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Many debate if we will go through the great tribulation. It is certain that the first three listed above will if they are still alive at His coming. A high percentage of our nation would likely fall in this category.

IS HE COMING BACK FOR YOU? DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE ONE OF HIS?

1. Has a minister told you that you were saved?
2. Are you a member of a church?
3. Have you walked the aisle?
4. Have you completed a confirmation class?
5. Were you baptized as an infant?
6. Did you come from a godly home?
7. Were you taken to church regularly?

If you were baptized as an infant, and completed a confirmation class, came from a godly home, went to church on a regular basis, walked down the aisle, joined a church because a minister told you to I still ask DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE ONE OF HIS?

FRUITFUL SERVANT

Mat 13:18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

Mat 13:19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which **received** seed by the way side.

Mat 13:20 But he that **received** the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy **receiveth** it;

Mat 13:21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

Mat 13:22 He also that **received** seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

Mat 13:23 But he that **received** seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and *understandeth it*; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Mark 4:20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and **receive** it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

Luke 8:15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an *honest* and *good heart*, having heard the word, *keep it*, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Please note that all four received the word, but only the last understood it and received it with an honest and good heart and kept it. Only these bring fruit.

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Rom 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Luke 3:9 And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Luke 13:7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

Luke 13:8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

Luke 13:9 And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

Mat 15:13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

UNFRUITFUL

Mat 3:10 And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Mat 3:12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Mat 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Mat 13:40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

Mat 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Mat 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

2 Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Mark 4:19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Titus 3:14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

2 Pet 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

WHO ARE THE SAVED OR BORNED AGAIN?

1. SEED - THE WORD OF GOD (Luke 8:11)
2. HEARD THE WORD (LUKE 8:15)
3. UNDERSTAND IT (MATTHEW 13:23)

4. RECEIVE THE WORD (MATTHEW 13:23)

WITH AN HONEST, GOOD HEART, AND KEEP IT (LUKE 8:15)

5. BRING FORTH FRUIT (MATTHEW 13:23)

(MARK 4:20) (Luke 8:15) Oh, how clear the word is that the saved born again are the fruitful. The unsaved or lost are the unfruitful.

1 Cor 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

1 Cor 3:7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

1 Cor 3:8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

1 Cor 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

DO YOU BRING FORTH GOOD FRUIT?

IS HE COMING BACK FOR YOU, YOUR WIFE, YOUR HUSBAND, YOUR CHILDREN, OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND ACQUAINTANCES ? WE SHOULD GET BUSY WE ARE NEAR THE HARVEST.

We must have an honest, good heart, and keep his word bringing forth fruit.

ARE YOU ONE OF THE LORD'S? DO YOU HAVE A ONE ON ONE SALVATION BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST AS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD?

The First Epistle of John tells us much about knowing we are one of His. The second chapter of 1 John has the word **know** in this chapter alone 10 times, knowest 1 time and known 3 times. Read the following to see how you comply with a portion of God's Word.

1 John

Some think this epistle was written as late as 90 A.D. There seems to be little question that this was written by the apostle John who wrote the following two epistles, Revelation and the gospel of John. John is referred to as "the beloved disciple" and "disciple whom Jesus loved". This would indicate his close intimacy with Jesus. With this in mind it could well be that John wrote this after writing "The Revelation". If

so, who could more clearly give us instructions as how to know that we are one of His.

THE WORD **KNOW** APPEARS IN THE EPISTLE OF 1 JOHN 27 TIMES, **KNOWETH** 6 TIMES, **KNOWN** 5 TIMES, **KNEW** 1 TIME. THIS MAKES A TOTAL OF 39 TIMES. THERE ARE 105 VERSES IN 1 JOHN. THERE IS AN AVERAGE OF A LITTLE OVER 1 TIME IN EVEY 3 VERSES SOME FORM OF **KNOW** APPEARS. It does not appear in chapter 1. Some form of the word appears 14 times in chapter 2.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW YOU ARE ONE OF HIS?

CHP. 2

Know-10 Knoweth-1 Known-3

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

1 John 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:3 And hereby we do **know** that we **know** him, if we keep his commandments.

1 John 2:4 He that saith, I **know** him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1 John 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby **know** we that we are in him.

1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

1 John 2:7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

1 John 2:8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

1 John 2:9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

1 John 2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

1 John 2:11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and **knoweth** not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

1 John 2:12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

1 John 2:13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have **known** him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have **known** the Father.

1 John 2:14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have **known** him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1 John 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we **know** that it is the last time.

1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

1 John 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye **know** all things.

1 John 2:21 I have not written unto you because ye **know** not the truth, but because ye **know** it, and that no lie is of the truth.

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

1 John 2:23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

1 John 2:24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

1 John 2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

1 John 2:26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

1 John 2:29 If ye **know** that he is righteous, ye **know** that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

SOME OF THE ABOVE WAYS WE KNOW WE ARE HIS.

1. KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS (VERSE 3)
2. KEEP HIS WORD - WE ARE IN HIM (VERSE 5)
3. WALK AS HE WALKED (VERSE 6)
4. LOVETH HIS BROTHER ABIDETH IN THE LIGHT (VERSE 10)

5. OVERCOME THE WICKED ONE (VERSE 13)
6. BECAUSE YE ARE STRONG (VERSE 14)
7. LOVETH NOT THE WORLD (VERSE 15)
8. DOETH THE WILL OF GOD (VERSE 17)
9. UNCTION OF THE HOLY ONE (VERSE 20)
10. KNOW THE TRUTH (VERSE 21)
11. NOT BE ASHAMED AT HIS COMING (VERSE 28)
12. EVERYONE THAT DOETH RIGHTEOUSNESS IS BORN OF HIM (VERSE 29)

DO YOU FIT THE ABOVE PATTERN?

WITH PROPHESY AFTER PROPHESY SHOWING THE COMING OF THE LORD IS CLOSE AT HAND THE QUESTION I ASK IS **IS HE COMING BACK FOR YOU?**

YOU CANNOT WORK YOUR WAY INTO HEAVEN. WITHOUT FAITH WORKS ARE DEAD.

WHAT CAN BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN TO KNOW YOU ARE ONE OF HIS AND HE IS SOON COMING BACK FOR THE REDEEMED.

WILL YOU BE ONE OF THE FEW?

Few will enter therein.

“few there be that find it.”

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Mat 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Mat 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but **few** chosen.

Mat 22:14 For many are called, but **few** are chosen.

Mat 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mat 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

Mat 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Luke 17:25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

Luke 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Luke 17:27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Luke 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

1 Pet 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

2 Pet 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth Person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

WILL YOU BE ONE OF THE FEW THAT THE LORD COMES FOR?

Mat 24:48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

Mat 24:49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

Mat 24:50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

Mat 24:51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

DAY OF NOE - ARK - 8 SOULS

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Gen 7:13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

DAY OF LOT - SODOM - 4 SOULS - 1 STRAYED

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Gen 19:16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

Note that the two angels had to take all four by the hand and lead them out. Would an angel of the Lord have to come down from heaven and take us by the hand and lead us to the righteous path and away from destruction?

Gen 19:24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

Gen 19:25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

Gen 19:26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

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Luke 8:8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, **He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

LABOURS ARE FEW

Luke 10:2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are **few**: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

Mat 9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are **few**;

Mat 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

John 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

I CONTINUE TO ASK THE QUESTION IS HE COMING BACK FOR YOU?

SCRIPTURES THAT HELP LEAD ONE TO SALVATION

Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Rom 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Rom 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Rom 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

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ARE YOU BOUND FOR THE PROMISED LAND? (HOLY CITY NEW JERUSALEM)